
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE INSPECTORS

OF THE

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STATE ALMSHOUSE

AT

TEWKSBURY.

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INSPECTORS' REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council.

The Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury respectfully present their Eighteenth Annual Report.

The accompanying Reports of the Superintendent and Physician, furnish full details relative to the condition of the institution, the repairs, improvements, current expenses of the same, and the sanitary condition of the inmates during the year just closed.

From the Report of the Superintendent, it appears that the cost of supporting each inmate for the year has been even less than last year, and less than during any year since the war. When we take into consideration that the diet has never been better or more generous, we are compelled to infer that the utmost economy consistent with humanity has been the practice of the officers.

Previous reports have represented the urgent necessity for a new hospital. That request has been liberally responded to by a Resolve of the last legislature appropriating twenty thousand dollars for that purpose.

The hospital has been nearly completed, and will be ready for use for the coming winter; and the expense will come within the appropriation.

The same legislature also, at the request of the Board of State Charities, appropriated twenty-five thousand dollars for the enlargement of the receptacle of the insane paupers. This

work has been commenced and will be finished during the winter.

Too much commendation cannot be bestowed upon the plan which has been adopted with so much success, of reclaiming and improving the waste land, by the labor of the insane paupers,—a plan which has not only proved a great saving to the State, but has been of great benefit to the insane through the healthful influence of out-of-door work, and constant employment.

The Superintendent calls attention to some further recommendations which have been made in previous reports. The enlargement of the farm, the improvement of the land, and a constantly increasing production demand more barn room. There should also be a new piggery, which should be located further from the main building. These recommendations are considered by the Superintendent as of great consequence at the present time, and we call your especial attention to them.

From careful observation we are perfectly satisfied that the Superintendent has been judicious in his management of the house and farm.

We also call your attention to the sanitary condition of the inmates as appears by the Report of the Physician.

You will notice that the number of deaths has been large as compared with previous years—the number being 302 of the 2,602 persons who have been admitted during year. This number is indeed large, but to us who have seen the dangers that have been averted, as well as the actual ravages which disease has made, it seems a wonder that the number is no larger. When, in addition to all the other diseases and epidemics enumerated in the medical report, the small-pox was found among us, it seemed impossible to prevent a general fatality among the inmates; but by the utmost precaution on the part of the officers and Physician, the disease was entirely eradicated, and although it has prevailed to an alarming extent in a neighboring city, there is no case now in the institution, nor has there been one for many months.

We cheerfully commend the Superintendent, the Physician and his assistant, Miss Marsh, and the subordinate officers of the institution, for their fidelity in the discharge of their respective duties.

While conflagrations have destroyed so many towns and cities of our own country, and pestilence has laid waste so many portions of foreign lands, let us prove our gratitude to a merciful Providence for the homes that have been spared to us, the bountiful harvests that have filled our store-houses, and the continued health of our citizens, by giving, as heretofore, from our abundance, relief to the unfortunate of all classes.

F. H. NOURSE,
BENJ. C. PERKINS,
GEO. P. ELLIOT,
Inspectors.

TEWKSBURY, Oct. 27, 1871.

SALARIES.

Francis H. Nourse (Inspector),	\$160 00
George P. Elliot (Inspector),	160 00
Benjamin C. Perkins (Inspector),	160 00
Thomas J. Marsh (Superintendent), }	
Mrs. Marsh (Matron), }	2,000 00
Joseph D. Nichols (Physician),	1,200 00
Thomas J. Marsh, Jr. (Asst. Superintendent), }	
Mrs. Marsh (Asst. Matron), }	1,230 33
John H. Cocker (Engineer),	935 00
James Poor (Farmer),	600 00
Charles B. Marsh (Clerk),	540 00
David A. Gorham (Watchman), }	
Mrs. Gorham (Hospital Cook), }	593 67
William F. Holt (Baker),	535 00
James C. Poor (Herdsman and Butcher),	510 00
George G. Spofford (Teamster),	360 00
Abraham S. Barnard (Cook),	420 00
Charles E. Clark (Asst. Farmer), }	
Mrs. Clark (Asst. Matron), from March 20, }	423 00
John T. B. Bailey (Asst. Farmer),	335 00
Amos K. Stevens { (Supervisors of the Insane, to }	
Mrs. Stevens { May 3d), }	486 26
Nathan P. Chase (Asst. Farmer), to March 15, }	
Mrs. Chase (Asst. Matron), }	232 83
Martha B. Marsh (Asst. Matron), 9 months,	170 67
Bessie E. Dixon (Asst. Matron), to Sept. 1st,	212 67
Anna S. Roberts (Asst. Matron),	233 67
Charlotte A. Thomas (Dairy-maid),	233 67
Aaron Noyes (Asst. Farmer), from April 1st, }	
Mrs. Noyes (Asst. Matron), }	306 00
Eliza Martin (Asst. Matron), from March 20th,	110 28
William Eldridge { (Supervisors of the Insane from }	
Mrs. Eldridge { June 1st), }	183 33

 \$12,331 38

In conformity with the statutes of the Commonwealth, the following exhibit of the annual inventory of the real estate and personal property for 1871, is presented:—

Live stock,	\$9,647 50
Carriages and agricultural tools,	4,073 50
Machinery and mechanical tools,	20,991 50
Beds and bedding,	14,345 44
Other furniture and property,	7,017 00
Personal property in the Superintendent's department,	7,285 32
Ready-made clothing,	9,287 50
Dry goods,	574 60
Provisions and groceries,	4,550 08
Drugs and medicines,	785 34
Fuel,	11,560 88
Library,	655 00
Products of the farm on hand,	12,793 10
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	\$103,566 76
Real estate (buildings),	\$136,265 00
Land,	23,290 00
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	159,555 00
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Total,	\$263,121 76

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true schedule and appraisal of the personal property and real estate at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, belonging to the State, September 30, 1871. The appraisal was made by us and is correct according to our best judgment.

(Signed)

PEDRICK & CLOSSON,

Appraisers.

Then personally appeared before me William R. Pedrick, and made oath that the above schedule and appraisal is correct, according to his best knowledge and belief.

LAWRENCE, ESSEX, SS. Oct. 10, 1871. Subscribed and sworn to before me.

(Signed)

DANIEL SAUNDERS, Jr., *Justice of the Peace.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present the Eighteenth Annual Report of this institution, which is the fourteenth I have had the honor to prepare.

Preliminary.

Amid the depression and universal gloom caused by local disasters and the late overshadowing national calamity, it seems especially fitting, first of all, to acknowledge our gratitude to that Providence which, throughout the year, has befriended and sheltered this vast collection of the dependents of Massachusetts.

Distorted and enfeebled in mind, body and temper, as are so many of our inmates, we are peculiarly exposed to sudden and startling calamities. But fire has left us unscathed; steam has served without injury; and the angel of the pestilence, hovering over our neighboring city, has only brushed us with his wing. Comparative quiet has reigned within our borders, and, paradoxical as it may seem, the year just closed has been as monotonous and yet as changeful as any of its predecessors,—monotonous in its daily routine of labor and its harvest of misery, changeful mainly in the individuals whom misfortune, folly or vice has driven hither for a home.

Inmates, and their Disposal.

I have nothing new to set forth concerning the internal affairs of our large household, other than the usual statistical information contained in the appended tables.

The whole number supported during the year has been 2,215, which is less by 387 than appears in Table No. 2; the latter

number being composed of parties nominally admitted under the Act of 1860, but really sent at once from the State without actual presence in the institution.

The average weekly number supported has been seven hundred and forty-nine.

Of the whole number of persons supported, 215 have been sentenced to the State Workhouse, 14 transferred to the State Almshouse at Bridgewater, and 81 to that at Monson; the deaths have been 302, and the remainder have been removed by the Board of State Charities, or discharged in the ordinary course; except 639, the number with which we commence the new year, being less by 16 than our number on Oct. 1, 1870.

Cost of Support.

The amount drawn from the treasury for the current expenses of the year is \$72,665 46

And there has been received—

For articles sold, \$1,993 15

From inmates having died or absconded, 162 54

2,155 69

Total gross expenditure, \$70,509 77

But the above outlay does not represent the actual net cost of the institution to the treasury, for the sum of \$1,388.04 has been collected by the general agent of State Charities, for the support of parties here and paid by him to the treasurer. Deducting this reimbursement, the actual net cost to the treasury for the past year is \$69,121.73.

The total gross expenditure (\$70,509.77), divided by 749, the average weekly number, gives a yearly cost of \$94.14 for every inmate, which is a weekly average of \$1.81 each.

In making up these results, to avoid all cavil, I have, as last year, based the calculation on the money actually drawn from the treasury, less what was repaid to it by the institution. No method of reckoning can make the average larger. Even on this basis, the weekly cost of the motley throng of defectives and unfortunates, gathered hither from the entire Commonwealth, seems extremely moderate, and, in fact, would be much

more, but for the considerable value contributed by the farm. But if the increase in the property of the State upon these premises was taken into account, and certain sums, paid for items not necessarily connected with the support of paupers, were excluded, the average weekly cost would amount to only \$1.63,—a sum smaller than in any year since 1864.

Insane Department.

Of the 639 remaining at the close of the year, 294 were inmates of the “Asylum for the Harmless and Incurable Insane,” leaving but 345 as the aggregate of ordinary paupers. These figures show conclusively the effectiveness of the present system, which in a few years has reduced the aggregate of this class, in the three State almshouses to less than 500,—a number smaller than any one of them formerly contained at the close of the official year.

Of the insane aforesaid, a large majority was transferred from the three lunatic hospitals. This constant draft has so relieved them, that they have been able to meet all demands for admission from within the State, which otherwise would have been utterly impossible. In connection with the labor of the Board of State Charities, and its officers, in removing lunatics to their homes without the State, it has prevented thus far the establishment of any new institution of the kind since 1858. The amount of board thus saved already would almost build a new hospital. To give an idea of it, I would state that if our 294 lunatics were now boarding at a hospital, at the weekly rate of \$3.50 fixed by the legislature, the annual cost would be exactly \$53,655, while here they are maintained for about \$27,000, besides performing nearly all the labor of this immense establishment.

These facts have become so apparent to the legislature, that an appropriation of \$25,000 was made last winter for the enlargement of our present accommodations for this class. The foundation of the extension is now in progress (laid wholly by insane labor, save one hired hand and one officer), and when the latter is completed, it is expected to furnish room for 150 additional patients, whose board at the hospital would cost the State over \$27,000 per annum, while here it will hardly be half that sum.

We shall also derive the advantage of additional labor, while many of the patients will enjoy more liberty than is now possible in the hospitals. This action of the legislature will again remove the necessity of erecting at once a fourth lunatic hospital, and the success of the policy may postpone it indefinitely. It appears by the Physician's Report that a certain percentage of this class has either recovered or improved. It is small, to be sure, but it is constant; and is important as showing the beneficial effect of a change of life and more active out-of-door employment upon those believed to be past all hope of cure.

Sanitary Matters.

The new hospital for the sick is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks. It is intended for 160 patients, and promises to answer all our expectations. A reasonable classification of inmates will now be possible, for the first time in my superintendency, and their convenience and comfort will be greatly promoted. The appropriation for its erection, equipment and heating was \$20,000, and it will be finished within that sum. It is proper to say here, however, that the workmen have been boarded at the institution, and that whatever cost has thus been incurred has come from our appropriation for the current expenses.

Full details of the sanitary condition of the house during the year and at its close will be found in the Report of the Physician, to which I respectfully refer you. But I must not omit to express my high appreciation of the skill and energy with which Dr. Nichols has combated the various and complicated diseases incident to an establishment like this, and especially those malignant epidemics which at one time threatened us with an unprecedented mortality.

The Work of the Year.

The labors of the year have brought us satisfactory returns. The crop of hay was less than last year, by about one-sixth, but of superior quality. The other crops are generally superior to those of last year in quality and amount. In periods of leisure some fifteen acres of the best land on the farm have been cleared, drained and prepared for cultivation, and fifty rods of

heavy, double-faced wall have been laid with stone taken therefrom. The work of clearing and fencing will be continued, when time and labor can be spared, and judging by the past, the additional product of the farm cannot fail to reduce our expenditures very materially.

The Wants of the Institution.

As the time is approaching when you must submit to the legislature an estimate of our expenses for the ensuing year, I deem it proper to call your attention to certain alterations and improvements, the cost of which may perhaps be properly defrayed from the regular appropriation.

It seems essential to health and cleanliness, that a large portion of the plastering in the lodging rooms of the inmates should be removed and renewed; that provision should be made for new flooring in sundry parts of the main building; that doors and their appurtenances should be repaired while yet it can be done at small cost; that the attic floor should be removed, that the dormitories beneath, now only seven feet in the clear, may be open to the roof, thus securing to each occupant a sufficient number of cubic feet of air, and ample ventilation; and, especially, that water-closets should be provided on each floor in either wing of the building for the comfort of the aged and infirm who will hereafter occupy the premises, and also in the building for the insane. Public opinion seems to demand this change, which is now rendered practicable by the additional room and better classification assured by the new hospital.

There are other needs resulting from our material prosperity, which, when supplied, will enhance it the more. Increasing crops demand more barn-room for their preservation; and a new piggery is imperatively demanded, that we may be able to utilize the refuse occasioned by the coming addition of one hundred and fifty insane persons to our present number.

Conclusion.

Before closing this Report, I desire to express my obligations to the clergymen of all denominations who, in place of a regular chaplain, have successively favored us with religious

instruction, and especially to the Rev. James McKernan, of Lowell, for his faithful and acceptable ministrations to the sick and dying of his own communion.

In performing the manifold duties of Superintendent, the sympathy of the Inspecting Board, and the coöperation of subordinate officers are elements absolutely essential to success.

For the cordial support of the one, and the zeal and fidelity of the other, I am deeply grateful.

THOS. J. MARSH,
Superintendent.

STATEMENT NO. 1.

Statistics of the Department of the Insane.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Remaining in this department Sept. 30, 1870, . . .	294	93	201
Admitted during the year,	154	54	100
Discharged during the year,	58	22	36
Deaths during the year,	74	26	48
Desertions during the year,	21	19	2
Whole number admitted,	961	396	565
Whole number discharged,	666	306	360
Remaining in this department Sept. 30, 1871, . . .	295	80	215

STATEMENT NO. 2.

Number in the house at the commencement of the year,	655
Admitted during the year,	1,947
Discharged,	1,963
Supported,	2,602
Deaths,	302
Births,	61
Weekly average,	749
Present number,	639

Of the 1,947 admitted during the year, there were from—

Boston,	1,182
Lowell,	117
Tewksbury,	92
State Almshouse, Monson,	90
Lawrence,	64
Births,	61
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	54
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	48
Salem,	30
Cambridge,	20
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	18
Charlestown,	15
Gloucester,	13
Synn,	11

State Almshouse, Bridgewater,	11
Haverhill,	10
Waltham,	9
Danvers,	7
Newburyport,	6
Chelsea,	6
Somerville,	6
Peabody and Malden, 5 each,	10
Wakefield, Ipswich, Lexington and Groton, 4 each,	16
Maynard, Salisbury, North Andover, Stoneham and Woburn, 3 each,	15
Marblehead, West Roxbury, Brighton, Watertown, Marlborough, Winchester, West Newbury, Fitchburg, Arlington and Tyngsborough, 2 each,	20
Andover, unknown, Hopkinton, Framingham, Billerica, Stow, Bedford, Pepperell, Norfolk, Newton, Paxton, Natick, Westford, Amesbury, Leominster and Melrose, 1 each,	16
	<hr/> 1,947

The following table shows the number admitted each month, age and when admitted, and sex :—

MONTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Under 10.	Between 10 and 20.	Between 20 and 30.	Between 30 and 40.	Between 40 and 50.	Between 50 and 60.	Between 60 and 70.	Between 70 and 80.	Over 80.
October, .	120	75	45	20	17	39	4	11	12	9	7	1
November, .	127	82	45	18	20	33	20	9	13	8	6	—
December, .	197	120	77	33	28	46	31	24	14	14	5	2
January, .	155	101	54	11	24	41	34	14	16	9	4	2
February, .	125	80	45	17	14	32	23	11	14	7	5	2
March, . .	115	64	51	22	12	30	12	15	11	7	5	1
April, . .	85	45	40	18	17	16	12	7	3	5	4	3
May, . . .	92	56	36	21	11	14	20	9	4	3	8	2
June, . .	130	70	60	27	9	28	23	13	16	10	2	2
July, . . .	151	77	74	27	12	29	31	21	16	8	4	3
August, . .	119	60	59	26	12	21	25	13	6	9	7	—
September, .	531	302	229	47	63	151	130	70	40	16	11	3
Total, . .	1,947	1,132	815	287	239	480	365	217	165	105	68	21

STATEMENT NO. 3.

Nativity of Inmates.

Ireland,	725
Massachusetts,	388
British Provinces,	149
England,	147
New York,	89
Maine,	76
Unknown,	53
New Hampshire,	36
Scotland,	31
Pennsylvania,	24
Vermont,	20
Germany,	20
Maryland,	18
Rhode Island,	18
Virginia,	18
West Indies,	16
Connecticut,	15
France,	11
New Jersey,	9
South Carolina,	7
Sweden and Prussia, 6 each,	12
Switzerland, South America, Poland, Ohio, North Carolina and Louisiana, 4 each,	24
Kentucky, Denmark, Illinois, Western Islands, Delaware and Michigan, 3 each,	18
At sea, Portugal, Georgia and Indiana, 2 each,	8
Spain, Holland, Arabia, District of Columbia, Isle of Guernsey, Africa, Italy, Mississippi, Austria, Missouri, Peru, Norway, Russia, India and Texas, 1 each,	15
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	1,947

STATEMENT NO. 4.

Cash Disbursements.

Beans, 174 bushels,	\$413 77
Beef (fresh),	3,404 01
Beef (salt), 117 barrels,	4,176 90
Beds and bedding,	301 62
Books, newspapers, postage and stationery,	315 88
Brooms, 27 dozen,	121 50
Carriages and wagons,	68 00
Cement, lime and plaster,	200 40

Chaplain, services of,	\$180 00
Clothing,	2,174 57
Coal, 1,100 tons, 1 ton Cumberland, 28 barrels charcoal, . . .	8,586 88
Coffee, 443½ pounds,	91 40
Consulting physician, services of,	180 00
Corn, 1,964 bushels,	1,633 89
Cotton cloth, 6,377 yards,	807 50
Crockery and glass ware,	208 88
Dry goods,	1,031 34
Fertilizing compounds, 3 tons,	90 00
Flour, 1,410 barrels,	10,473 10
Fish (salt and fresh), 38,407 pounds,	1,920 12
Furniture,	88 27
Groceries,	639 95
Hardware,	262 49
Hay (English), 34¾ tons,	969 20
Hay (meadow), 103¾ tons,	1,246 96
Hay (salt), 4½ tons,	81 00
Improvements,	2,146 37
Labor,	1,029 95
Lumber,	846 24
Malt,	4 00
Meal,	12 00
Meal (cotton seed), 7 tons,	262 00
Meats and provisions,	924 49
Medicines,	561 33
Miscellaneous,	50 00
Molasses, 2,046½ gallons,	970 05
Mutton, 1,802 pounds,	104 30
Oats, 216 bushels,	154 18
Oil, 989 gallons,	802 36
Painting house,	180 34
Paints, oil and colors,	92 18
Pasturage,	170 00
Pepper, 217 pounds,	71 74
Pease, 163 bushels,	296 02
Repairs,	1,233 90
Rice, 7,874 pounds,	536 32
Rye, 58½ bushels,	58 43
Salaries,	12,331 38
Salt,	177 00
Seeds,	84 36
Shoe stock and tools,	476 63
Shoes,	337 20
Soap stock, 7,568 pounds,	467 26
Shorts, 29 $\frac{829}{1000}$ tons,	853 85
Smithwork,	254 24

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STATEMENT No. 5.

Products of the Farm.

The meats slaughtered from the stock of the farm amount to—

Pork,	12,576	pounds.
Beef,	5,323	"
Veal,	1,336	"
Poultry,	623	"
Hides,	1,112	"
Calf-skin,	155	"

Dairy products :

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STATEMENT No. 6—Continued.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS in account with THOMAS J. MARSH, Superintendent.

DR. Cr.

1870. Sept. 30,	To amount on hand, amount received for articles sold, amount received from effects of in- mates who have died or absconded, .	1870. Sept. 30,	By cash paid State Treasurer, cash on hand,	1870. Sept. 30,
		\$1,599 55		\$1,599 55
		1,993 15		2,155 69
		162 54		
		\$3,755 24		\$3,755 24

THOS. J. MARSH, Superintendent.

This may certify that we have examined the foregoing account of Thomas J. Marsh with the Commonwealth, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. H. NOURSE,
BENJ. C. PERKINS, }
GEO. P. ELLIOT, } Inspectors.

STATEMENT No. 7.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS in account with THOS. J. MARSH, F. H. NOURSE, B. C. PERKINS, and GEO. P. ELLIOT,
Dr. Commissioners for Hospital. Cr.

1871. Mar. 8,	To amount of appropriation, Resolve 11, of the year 1871,		1871. Oct. 1,	By cash paid on account of erecting, . cash paid on account of furnishing, . cash paid on account of heating, . unexpended balance,	\$8,925 72 1,604 17 670 02 8,800 09 \$20,000 00
		\$20,000 00			
		\$20,000 00			

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Inspectors of the Tewksbury State Almshouse.

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting you with the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Medical Department of this Institution, I cannot, as in former years, offer you my congratulations that we have escaped the visitation of any of those epidemics which sometimes prove so troublesome in any community, and which are especially to be dreaded in a crowded institution like ours. Last March we had not only an epidemic but an accumulation of nearly all the epidemics known to our climate. During that month we had the mumps, whooping-cough, scarlet fever, measles and small-pox, at one and the same time. The small-pox found us, at the close of winter, with a full house, which would soon have been depleted by the usual spring discharges. But when we found that this loathsome disease had broken out in our midst, the Superintendent very properly refused to discharge those who were ready and anxious to go, fearing that they might carry out the infection with them and scatter disease and death in the community wherever they might go.

But although none were allowed to go out, the sick and the destitute were still permitted to enter, so that we resembled somewhat the cave described by the old Latin poet, where there were plenty of traces of those entering in, but there were no returning footsteps. By this process of admitting all and discharging none, our already crowded wards were still more closely packed. This, too, happened at an inclement season of the year, when it was difficult, with safety, properly to ventilate, especially the sick-rooms, crowded as they were to repletion; for a draft of bleak March wind blowing on a child sick with the measles or croup, would have been almost equivalent to murder. This condition of things not only lessened

the chances for the recovery of those already sick, but had a tendency to produce new disease, and I have no doubt was one of the causes of developing a new epidemic which broke out among us in the month of May—a kind of land scurvy, which spread with great rapidity, and resulted in gangrene and death in several instances. By a free distribution of lemons and fresh vegetables the spread of this disease was arrested and its fatality checked.

Much praise is due the Superintendent for his prompt and hearty coöperation with me in all measures for preventing the further progress of this last-named disease, and also for his cheerful assistance in eradicating from our midst that still greater scourge, the small-pox. Both these objects were happily accomplished, and we close the year under much more favorable sanitary conditions than we have experienced during the last seven months previous to its close.

There have been twenty-seven foundlings admitted during the year. Of these, two have been taken by their mothers, two have been adopted, twenty have died, and three remain living at the close of the year. These three have survived the cholera infantum, and are now in a healthy condition and bid fair to live. The following table will give you the statistics concerning this class :—

N A M E S .	Age.	Admitted.	From.	Departure.
James F. Coleman, .	5 months,	Oct. 1,	Lawrence, .	Taken by mother.
George Clark, . .	8 “	8,	Charlestown,	Died April 18.
Mary Scannel, . .	1 month,	29,	Lawrence,	Nov. 3.
Katie Damon, . .	1 week, .	Nov. 1,	Boston, .	Jan. 2.
Frank Lewis, . .	3 months,	10,	“ . .	Jan. 3.
Emma Wallace, . .	2 “	29,	“ . .	Taken by mother.
Florence Nightingale,	1 week, .	Dec. 2,	Salem, . .	{ Adopted by Mrs. Ellen Kimball.
Solomon Snow, . .	1 month,	11,	Boston, . .	Died Jan. 6.
Margaret McDonald, .	1 “	19,	“ . .	Jan. 17.
Mary Ratford, . .	1 “	22,	“ . .	April 13.
Henry Lowell, . .	2 weeks, .	Jan. 2,	Lowell, . .	Jan. 12.
Charles Howard, . .	2 days, .	April 6,	Somerville, .	April 25.
Eva S. March, . .	1 month,	8,	Cambridge, .	April 25.
George Howard, . .	1 “	8,	“ . .	April 12.
Emma F. White, . .	2 months,	13,	Tewksbury, .	—
Caroline Wade, . .	—	19,	Tewksbury, .	—
Thomas M. Knight, .	6 “	May 6,	Salisbury, .	Died May 12.
James Faunce, . .	3 weeks, .	June 2,	Boston, . .	July 16.
John O. Hearn, . .	3 months,	2,	Bridgewater, .	July 15.
Charles Bickford, . .	3 “	3,	Boston, . .	June 13.
Carrie Raymond, . .	3 weeks, .	July 6,	Cambridge, .	Aug. 23.

NAMES.	Age.	Admitted.	From.	Departure.
Sarah Hollis, . .	3 weeks, .	July 6,	Cambridge, .	Died Aug. 19.
Moses Belhen, . .	2 " ,	11,	Boston, . .	July 19.
Nellie O'Brien, . .	5 months,	12,	" . .	July 26.
Rosa Cowlen, . .	2 " ,	21,	" . .	{ Adopted by Mrs. Freeman.
Susie Mule, . .	1 week, .	25,	" . .	
John Bunker Hill, .	10 months,	Aug. 17,	" . .	Died Aug. 4.
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There have been no marked changes in the management or condition of the insane during the year. The following table will show you the number of deaths, the number recovered, and the number improved of this class during the year :—

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Deaths during the year,	74	26	48
Recovered during the year,	3	1	2
Improved during the year,	5	1	4

You are respectfully referred to the tables marked 1, 2 and 3, which are appended to this Report, for the statistics of the medical department of this institution.

I am greatly indebted to Helen M. Marsh, M. D., Assistant Physician, for the efficient aid she has afforded me, and also to Nathan Allen, M. D., Consulting Physician, for many valuable suggestions. And now, gentlemen, permit me again to renew to you and to the Superintendent my grateful acknowledgments for the courtesy and kindness which have at all times been extended to me.

J. D. NICHOLS, *Physician.*

TABLE No. 1.

Showing the Diseases at the State Almshouse, Tewksbury, the Whole and Monthly Number and the Whole and Monthly Average from October 1, 1870, to September 30, 1871.

DISEASES.	Total.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
Anasarca,	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Aneurism,	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atrophy,	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bright's Disease,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cancer,	7	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dropsy,	4	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Debility,	236	52	14	17	14	20	12	21	16	16	27	15	12
Fever,	18	1	2	3	5	1	2	-	1	2	-	-	1
" Typhoid,	17	4	1	-	2	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	2
" Intermittent,	11	2	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
" Scarlet,	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles,	27	-	-	1	-	3	15	8	-	-	-	-	-
Menorrhagia,	4	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia,	22	6	-	1	3	1	1	3	1	2	3	-	2
Parturition,	69	3	1	6	8	7	7	7	9	5	8	4	1
Prolapsus Uteri,	2	-	4	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rheumatism,	57	17	5	9	3	2	3	3	3	4	2	1	5
Scrofula,	5	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Scurvy,	43	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	19	8	-
Venereal,	97	8	10	15	10	9	10	4	5	6	8	6	6

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TABLE No. 2.

Showing the Causes of Death, the Whole Number, the Sex, the Mental Condition, the Number in each Month, and the Ages of those who have Died in the Tewksbury State Almshouse, from October 1, 1870, to September 30, 1871—also the Whole Number since the opening of the Institution.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	TOTAL.	Males.		Females.		Insane Males.	Insane Females.	Total.	October.		November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Under 1.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	

TABLE NO. 3.

Showing the Number of Births in the Tewksbury State Almshouse, during each Month, from October 1, 1870, to September 30, 1871, the Sex, whether Illegitimate, Twins or Still-Born, and the Birthplace of the Mothers.

MONTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	ILLEGITIMATE.			Twins.	Still-Born.	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHERS.				
				Males.	Females.	Total.			U. States.	Ireland.	England.	British Provinces.	Other Countries.
October, .	3	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
November, .	4	2	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	1	-
December, .	6	4	2	1	-	1	-	-	3	2	-	-	1
January, .	8	2	6	2	6	8	-	-	1	2	-	5	-
February, .	7	3	4	3	3	6	-	-	2	3	-	1	1
March, .	7	3	3	1	2	3	-	1	3	-	-	3	1
April, .	7	3	2	1	1	2	-	2	4	2	-	-	1
May, .	9	3	5	2	6	8	-	1	6	1	-	2	-
June, .	5	2	2	-	2	2	-	1	1	3	1	-	-
July, .	9	3	4	3	4	7	2	2	3	4	-	-	1
August, .	4	1	2	2	-	2	-	1	1	2	-	1	-
September, .	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total, .	70	29	32	17	24	41	2	9	25	24	1	14	5